

Fecal testing study at Amazon Dog Park: What is in your dog's poop and how does it affect you and the environment?

Study Results

	June 1st	June 2nd
Dogs Tested-		
Number of Samples	30	52
Incidence of Intestinal Parasites	1 out of 10 dogs (10%) positive	1 out of 13 dogs (7%) positive
Types of Parasites found	Giardia (33%) Roundworms (66%)	Giardia (75%) Roundworms (25%)

Did you know that you can prevent your dogs from getting parasites by providing them with year-round treatment? Parasites such as roundworm, tapeworm and heartworm can be harmful to your dog's health, especially if they are left untreated.

Another tiny parasite, Giardia, lives in the intestines of various animals and is passed as a cyst through animal feces. Typically, these cysts are spread in the environment or through fecal-contaminated water. Since the giardia cysts can survive and infect other animals in the environment for weeks, the best means of stool disposal is in the garbage. Removing your pet's feces from the environment will significantly reduce the risk of transmission.

For more information about parasites and dogs, visit <http://www.vcahospitals.com>.